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# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

THE STATE OF ARIZONA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT a/k/a DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA (001)

Defendant.

Case No:

66 SGJ 22

**INDICTMENT** 

**CHARGING VIOLATIONS OF:** 

**COUNT 1: FRAUDULENT SCHEMES AND ARTIFICES**, a Class 2 Felony in violation of A.R.S. § 13-2310

**COUNT 2-6: THEFT,** Class 2 Felonies in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-1802

COUNT 7: FRAUD IN PURCHASE OR SALE OF SECURITIES, a Class 4 Felony, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 44-1991 and 44-1995

COUNT 8: TRANSACTIONS BY UNREGISTERED DEALER, a Class 4 Felony in violation of A.R.S. §§ 44-1842

The 66<sup>th</sup> Arizona State Grand Jury accuses **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA** charging on this 20<sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2010, that in or from Maricopa County, Arizona:

## FRAUDULENT SCHEMES AND ARTIFICES

On or between April 6, 2006, and September 28, 2007, defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA**, pursuant to a scheme or artifice to defraud, knowingly obtained a benefit by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representation, promises or material omissions, in violation of A.R.S. §§13-2310, 13-701, 13-702 and 13-801.

Said conduct occurred when the defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA** accepted checks from the investors listed in the attached Exhibit A (referred to herein as "the investors"). While receiving this money, the Defendant represented that the she would invest the money in stocks and guaranteed a rate of return. The Defendant represented that she would return the principle and the guaranteed interest to the investors. The Defendant used a portion of the money for personal use, and did not return the principle and guaranteed interest to the investors.

## COUNT 2

# **THEFT**

On or between August 31, 2006, and September 28, 2007, defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA**, without lawful authority, knowingly obtained services or property by means of any material misrepresentation with intent to deprive the other person of such property, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-1802, 13-1801, 13-701, 13-702 and 13-801.

Said conduct occurred when the defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA** obtained funds from investor Matthew Bennett indicating that she would invest the funds, while in actuality she used a portion of the funds for her own personal benefit.

## **THEFT**

On or between April 9, 2007, and September 28, 2007, defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA**, without lawful authority, knowingly obtained services or property by means of any material misrepresentation with intent to deprive the other person of such property, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-1802, 13-1801, 13-701, 13-702 and 13-801.

Said conduct occurred when the defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA** obtained funds from investor Jeanette Kirk indicating that she would invest the funds, while in actuality she used a portion of the funds for her own personal benefit.

#### COUNT 4

# THEFT

On or between April 2, 2007, and September 28, 2007, defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA**, without lawful authority, knowingly obtained services or property by means of any material misrepresentation with intent to deprive the other person of such property, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-1802, 13-1801, 13-701, 13-702 and 13-801.

Said conduct occurred when the defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA** obtained funds from investor Sharron Lewis indicating that she would invest the funds, while in actuality she used a portion of the funds for her own personal benefit.

#### THEFT

On or between April 2, 2007, and September 28, 2007, defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA**, without lawful authority, knowingly obtained services or property by means of any material misrepresentation with intent to deprive the other person of such property, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-1802, 13-1801, 13-701, 13-702 and 13-801.

Said conduct occurred when the defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA** obtained funds from investors Thomas and Barbara Payne indicating that she would invest the funds, while in actuality she used a portion of the funds for her own personal benefit.

## **COUNT 6**

# THEFT

On or between April 3, 2007, and September 28, 2007, defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA**, without lawful authority, knowingly obtained services or property by means of any material misrepresentation with intent to deprive the other person of such property, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-1802, 13-1801, 13-701, 13-702 and 13-801.

Said conduct occurred when the defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA** obtained funds from investors Barry and Judy Stern indicating that she would invest the funds, while in actuality she used a portion of the funds for her own personal benefit.

# FRAUD IN PURCHASE OR SALE OF SECURITIES

On or between April 6, 2006, and September 28, 2007, defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA** in connection with a transaction or transactions within or from this State involving an offer to sell or buy securities, or a sale or purchase of securities, directly or indirectly, (1) employed a device, scheme or artifice to defraud, (2) made untrue statements of material fact, or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements not misleading, or (3) engaged in a transaction, practice or course of business which operated as a fraud or deceit, in violation of A.R.S. § 44-1991, 44-1995, 13-701, 13-702 and 13-801.

Said conduct occurred when defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA**, in connection with her offer to invest in securities on behalf of the investors listed in the attached Exhibit A (referred to herein as "the investors"), made fraudulent assertions to the investors in order to receive funds from them and engaged in trading practices which were fraudulent and deceitful in that she converted their money for personal use.

#### COUNT 8

# TRANSACTIONS BY UNREGISTERED DEALER

On or between April 6, 2006, and September 28, 2007, defendant **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA** offered for sale a security within Arizona as an unregistered dealer or salesman in violation of A.R.S. §§ 44-1842, 44-1801, 13-701, 13-702 and 13-801.

Said conduct occurred when **DEBORAH CHERYL BENNETT A/K/A DEBORAH CHERYL PAURA** offered to buy and sell securities for the investors listed in the attached

Exhibit A without being a registered dealer or salesman.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 21-425, the State Grand Jurors find that the offenses described above were committed in Maricopa County, Arizona.

A "True Bill")

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Dated: \ | 20 | 20 \ 1

Foreperson of the State Grand Jury

## **EXHIBIT A**

As used in this indictment, "the investors" refers to:

- 1. Bennett, James E.
- 2. Bennett, Matthew E.
- Broughman, Mary Beth
   Broughman, Mary Lynn
- 5. Brown, Jason6. Chenery, John & Carla
- 7. Clark, Čheryl8. Dantagnan, Barry & Kathy
- 9. Dreifuerst, Luann
- 10. Dreifuerst, Melissa & Thomas 11. Eubanks, Tina & Ralph 12. Hercus, Michael 13. Kendell, Leslie

- 14. Kirk, Bernard & Jeanette 15. Kish, Nancy
- 16. Krause, Ken Sr. & Annie
- 17. Kuryanowicz, JoAnn
- 18. Lewis, Delbert & Sharron
- 19. Morano, Grace
- 20. Morresey, Leo 21. Payne, Thomas & Barbara 22. Potter, Roger & Traci
- 23. Pye, Douglas 24. Shaw, Marcia
- 25. Skipwith, Marc
- 26. Steinke, Pamela
- 27. Stern, Barry & Judith 28. Taylor, Skip 29. Vyslouzil, Robert

- 30. Walas, Tom
- 31. Webber, Matthew 32. Wronski, Ron & Fran